

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Public Resources Code sections 25744, 25744.5, and 25780 – 25784 authorize the California Energy Commission to develop a program to encourage the installation of solar energy systems on new residential construction, and authorize the California Energy Commission to adopt guidelines to govern the administration to this program; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission developed the New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP) in December 2006 to carry out the purposes of sections 25744, 25744.5, and 25780 – 25784, and adopted guidelines, as set forth in the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook*, to govern the administration of the NSHP pursuant to this authority; and

WHEREAS, the current *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook* does not include provisions for the establishment of a NSHP waiting list to address a shortfall in NSHP funding; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has seen a surge in the number of rebate reservation applications received for NSHP funding beginning in August of 2011, and as a result of this increased activity, the amount of funding requested will exceed NSHP funding available at this time; and

WHEREAS, to address this shortfall in NSHP funding Energy Commission staff have recommended the establishment of a NSHP waiting list and the following criteria for processing rebate applications placed on the waiting list:

- 1) Complete rebate reservation applications that have not been issued a rebate reservation by the Energy Commission will be placed on the waiting list based on the time and date the application is submitted to the Energy Commission's program administrators. These program administrators are Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company. The Energy Commission is the program administrator for Bear Valley Electric Service.
- 2) For rebate reservation applications submitted by mail, the submitted date is the date the application is postmarked (or other identifying marks) by the post office. For applications submitted via the NSHP Online Application Tool, the submitted date is the date the application is electronically "Submitted".
- 3) Only complete rebate reservation applications with accurate information will be added to the waiting list. Rebate reservation applications will be subject to the requirements, including the declining rebate levels, of the Guidebook in place at the time the application is submitted.
- 4) Incomplete rebate reservation applications will not be added to the waiting list and will be returned to the applicant. Applicants with incomplete applications may re-apply for program funding by submitting a new rebate reservation application. The new rebate

reservation application will be subject to the requirements, including the declining rebate levels, of the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook* in place at the time the new application is submitted.

- 5) Requests for additional funding for a previously approved rebate reservation application, due to changes in the project design or the system size, design, or equipment, will be processed like a new rebate reservation application and will be placed on the waiting list based on the date and time that the complete application is submitted to the program administrator.
- 6) Rebate reservation applications on the waiting list will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until available program funds are depleted. If additional program funds become available, these additional funds will be applied to the unfunded applications on the waiting list.
- 7) Unfunded rebate reservation applications will remain on the waiting list until December 31, 2012, unless the Energy Commission acts before this date to extend the waiting list. On December 31, 2012, the waiting list and any unfunded applications on the list will be automatically cancelled. Unfunded applications will need to re-apply for program funding by submitting a new rebate reservation application. The new rebate reservation application will be subject to the requirements in the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook* in place at the time the new application is submitted; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2011, the California Energy Commission publicly noticed staff's recommendations for the establishment of a NSHP waiting list, and offered stakeholders and interested member of the public an opportunity to comment on staff's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, at the November 16, 2011, Business Meeting of the California Energy Commission staff clarified that the completeness of a rebate reservation application as specified in criteria nos. 3 and 4 above is to be determined by the reviewing program administrator; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered staff's recommendations and criteria for the establishment of a NSHP waiting list as specified in the November 4, 2011 public notice, and subsequently clarified by staff at the November 16, 2011 Business Meeting, and accepts and approve such recommendations and criteria for a NSHP waiting list; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Energy Commission hereby adopts staff's recommendations and criteria for a NSHP waiting list, and authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to administer the NSHP and the program waiting list as specified herein.

RESOLVED,

Dated: November 16, 2011

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